(a) whether work on the diversion route of the Guwahati-Shillong-Silchar highway between Mawiong and Sohryngkham has started;

(b) whether financial allocation has been made and if so, the amount thereof; and

(c) by when the diversion will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The diversion of Guwahati-Shillong-Silchar highway between Mawiong and Sohryngkham forms the proposed Shillong bypass. The alignment of the bypass has been approved. The land acquisition estimate is being processed for sanction. There is a budget provision of Rs. 25 lakhs for the purpose in the Demand for Grants for 1993-94. Since the land is yet to be acquired, it is too early to indicate the date of completion of bypass.

Unauthorised Construction of Shops at National Highway-35 in West Bengal

1314. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1942 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th March, 1993 and state:

(a) what are the details of the existing guidelines for construction along the National Highways;

(b) what are the details of the directions issued by Central Government to State Government of West Bengal in so far as removal of encroachments at National Highway No. 35 at Bongaon City, District 24 Paraganas, West Bengal indicating the date on which such directions were issued;

(c) whether Government have fixed any specific time schedule within which the removal of encroachments mentioned above is to be completed if so what is the status of encroachments as on date; and

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of concerned Government officials are involved in and responsible for encouraging such encroachment, if so, whether any enquiry is proposed to be conducted against the guilty and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The existing guidelines cover details such as width between building lines and control lines, measures for control of ribbon development and removal of encroachments.

(b) As per the information received from the State Govt. of West Bengal in March, 1993, no unauthorised construction along the National Highways are being permitted by the State Public Works Department. The encroachments on NH-35 at Bongaon City are on private land and as such are not the concern of National Highways Authorities.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Fitting of Speed Governors in Redline Buses

1315. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi High Court has directed that speed governors be fitted in all Redline buses of Delhi to limit the maximum speed to 40 kmph, within three weeks from 30th June, 1993;

(b) if so, whether the said directive of the Delhi High Court has been complied with by 21st July, 1993; and

(c) if not, the reasons for flouting the High Court's ruling ?

THE MINISTER STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The High Court was informed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi that at the time of issue of permits the Transport Department ensured that each bus was fitted with speed governor adjusted at 40 kms. per hour. Subsequently some of the operators tampered with the calibation and drove or/and allowed to be driven at a speed more than 40 kms. per hour. Such violations are prosecuted by the Enforcement Wing by the Transport Department. The High Court was informed that 875 Redline buses had obtained a certificate of speed governor afresh from the Burari Inspection Pit of Transport Department till 27-7-1993.

Construction of Express Highway in Haryana

1316. SHRI S. S SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to con-